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GOV. EASLEY APPOINTS SINHA TO CHILD FATALITY PREVENTION TEAM

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley appointed **Shikha Sinha** of Morrisville to the N.C. Child Fatality Prevention Team.

Sinha is a computer training consultant. She is a member of the N.C. Medical Board, the AIDS International Education Society, and the School of Public Health Association. Sinha is also cochairman of the First Southeast SAS Users Group. She received her bachelor's degree in biology and master's degree in biostatistics and epidemiology from the University of South Carolina at Columbia.

The team assesses the records of select cases where children are being served by child protective services and the records of all deaths of children in North Carolina from birth to age 18. The team works to develop a community-wide approach to the problem of child abuse and neglect and tries to understand the causes of childhood deaths. The team also tries to identify any gaps that may exist in services to children and their families by public agencies and implements recommendations for changes to laws. There are 11 members on the board. The governor appoints one member.

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